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SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Tomorrow is the first of the Special Sabbaths preparatory to the Passover holiday. This day is known as Shabbat Shekalim and is observed every year on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Chodesh Adar, or coinciding with it. (This year, Rosh Chodesh Adar will fall on this Sunday and Monday.)

On each of these special Sabbaths there is a special Torah reading. The extra reading tomorrow refers to the half a shekel that every Israelite, of twenty years of age or over, rich or poor, gave as his equal share toward the support of the Temple. (Exodus 30:11-16)

Nowadays, since we can no longer donate towards the upkeep of the Temple, it is customary on Purim for every person to donate this half a shekel towards the upkeep of his own local synagogue.

In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem, it was the custom to announce publicly reminding all of their obligation to give the half a shekel on the first day of Adar. Hence, we read this portion of the Law as close as possible to Rosh Chodesh Adar.

Purim Party and Dutch Supper

Saturday Night, February 28

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 23

There's good news for Purim Night! Immediately following the reading of the Megillah on Saturday evening, February 28, the Men's Club and Women's League are sponsoring a gala Purim Party and Dutch Supper in our Synagogue.

Under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Myron Friedlander, Mrs. Frank L. Taks, Messrs. Alexander Kirsch and Al Braff, plans for the evening are well under way. They include a delicious Dutch Supper, to be followed by an evening of entertainment and cards.

In order that the Committee will be able to prepare for a sufficient

LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS FOR OUR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

Sunday Evening, February 22, 1953

We have some choice seats left for our Benefit Performance of "Rigoletto" at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening, February 22, 1953. The tickets may be obtained, however, only if one contacts the office immediately.

MEN'S CLUB NOTES

Men's Club Meeting This Monday Night

The next regular meeting of the Men's Club will be held on this Monday evening, February 16, Mr. H. William Hirsch, President of the Club has announced. All the men of the congregation are invited to come and participate. The meeting will begin at 8:30 P.M.

COLLEGIATES GET TOGETHER

The W.S.I.S. Chapter of the Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council extends a personal invitation to all young people of college age to attend a Friday evening Pre-Purim Get-Together tonight, February 13th, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Club Room.

In addition to those who have exerted themselves "beyond the call of duty" in the sale of tickets whose names we have previously mentioned — President Lester Udell, First Vice-President Aaron Wartels, and our Directors Morris Levine, Jack Berlin, and Herman H. Cohen — we are pleased to salute the following: Max Moskowitz, Samuel Pincus, Julius Bayer, Harry Appel, 2nd Vice-Pres., Samuel W. Siegel, Samuel K. Beier, Abe Glaser, G. Richard Rubenstein, Bernard Lax, Jacob Kaplan, Joseph Anderson, Edward Jacobs, Ben Glazer, and Jacob H. Silverstein.

Our sincere thanks to these loyal members of the W.S.I.S. who have helped us so devotedly in our endeavor to put over the Opera project successfully, so important in our effort to attain a balanced budget.

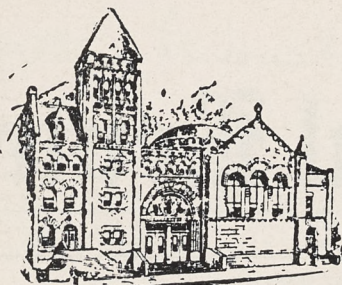
We hope that all our readers will be with us on Sunday evening, February 22, at the Metropolitan Opera House when we will all enjoy a wonderful evening.

SEDER RESERVATIONS

The chairman of our Seder Committee, Mr. Samuel Silver wishes us to remind our readers that it is highly desirable to make reservations as soon as possible.

The cost is \$10 per person for each night. This includes all gratuities.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, and Cantor Zalmon Yavneh will conduct the services at these Sedorim.



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Israeli Diary

By Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein

MONDAY, JUNE 30th, 1952

I took a very interesting trip today, with a Committee of five women from the Hapoel Hamizrachi, including, among others, Mrs. Moshe Shapiro, wife of the Minister of Interior and of Religion, (he holds two portfolios in the Israeli Government) and Mrs. David Reider, my W.S.I.S. daughter. They called for me at 10 o'clock, tied my wheel chair to the roof of the car, and packed the trunk in back, with quantities of groceries which they had acquired from the Israeli Food Fund of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. This was the first day I had been out in a car, since the new transportation law was passed and it was most interesting to see two large Hebrew letters in the windshield, as well as in the back window of every car. Most of them had SHIN, which stands for Saturday and VAV which stands for 6 and represents Friday, the 6th day of the week, as you know. In Hebrew, every letter represents a number, beginning with ALEPH which is one. So every car had one of the first six letters of the Hebrew



"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"

538th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"To Return A Lost Article To Its Owners"

II

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Of course, there are times when certain lost possessions cannot be returned, and belong to the finder, as for instance, fruits or coins that are scattered in the public highway, or pieces of meat and so forth, where there are no signs of possession, but if there should be a sign, then, of course, one is obliged to have the matter proclaimed publicly so that the owners may come and prove that the lost article belonged to them. However, if things were found in places concerning which the owners might have given up all hope of finding them, as in the sea, for instance, then the lost articles belong to the finders. One does not have to bother with any lost article that has practically no value. There are times when one does not have to bother with carrying any article that is found, which the finder as a rule would not carry, because it is not fitting for the po-

alphabet — which stands for the 1st thru the 6th day of the week, plus the SHIN for SHABBOS which is an obligatory day of rest for all cars.

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Our first stop was at TAOZ, which I had visited two years ago when it was a MAABAHRAH — a work village. It has now become a MO-SHAV — a well functioning settlement. It has 90 families with a total population of 400 — good looking cement houses, — lovely flower and vegetable gardens, with a faucet for running water in front of every few houses. Each head of the the family goes out to work. Since this is a new country, which requires building-up, the government has no difficulty in providing work, in its many projects, for those who seek employment. A tobacco concern has made arrangements, with this community, to plow up 400 dunams of its land and plant tobacco on it.

sition he occupies, as for instance, an Elder.

It is the duty of the finder to take care of the lost article until the owner comes. If waiting means depreciation in the value of the thing found, then the finder is religiously bound to put on record its distinguishing marks, and sell the article. The money realized is then to be returned to him who proves ownership.

The Rabbis deduce from this commandment (by the way of a fortiori) that if this is the law in regard to one's neighbor's property, how much more should one be solicitous about his neighbor's honor, body and soul. Thus — when one sees somebody else's honor, health or life in danger, he should do everything possible to rescue or protect it.

This commandment prevails at all times and at all places. It refers to male and female, and one who trespasses it breaks a positive commandment.

539th COMMANDMENT

"Not To Hide Ones Eye From A Lost Article"

We are bidden not to hide ourselves from a lost article, but to take it and return it to the owner. Concerning this we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, verse 3, "And so shalt thou do with his ass: and so shalt thou do with his garment: and so shalt thou do with every lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found: thou mayest not hide thyself."

The Keren Kayemet, which is one of the agencies here providing implements for settlements, has already sent a tractor, so that the work can begin at once. For the children of pre-school age here, there is a kindergarten with two competent kindergarteners in charge.

There is a visiting nurse who comes several times a week to give medical advice and care to those who need it. We left with her, for distribution, a large supply of powdered milk which we had brought with us.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Our Opera Night Is Drawing Near,
And when It Comes, It Brings Good Cheer,

Verdi's 'Rigoletto' We Can All Agree,

Is The Opera of the Year to See.

A Bird's Eye View

By Aryeh Seagull

W.S.I.S. Social Director

If you notice that the Council Room is a bit drafty, it is only because the Friday night Club (co-ed, of course) raised the roof. Even from downstairs you could tell they were having a terrific time. So, if you're fifteen or over, visit the group at 8.30 this Friday night.

There is still room in the 11 year girls group which meets on Sundays at 11:00. The girls are working on making chalah covers — which is only the beginning of the projects they will undertake.

Sammy Ward will meet the Macabees (12 year old boys club) this coming Monday. They will plan the booths for the Purim Carnival on March 1st. We are expecting interesting booths from the Bnos and Shabbos boys' club which meet Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

It was wonderful having the Scouts and Brownies at our Junior Congregation, last week. Their decorum was a credit to scouting and to Mr. Kantor and his hard working staff. Joe Moses did a fine job as chazan.

This week we hope to have our regular chazanim and gabboim back: Stanley Kaplan, Danny Kahn, Jeffrey and Mervin Lindenbaum, Victor Ringel, Danny Schuman, Seymour Ukeles, Susan Gross, and Judy Milstein.

See you at the Synagogue.

A PERSONAL REQUEST TO OUR MEMBERS

Our Social Department and Youth Groups are anxious to contact the young people of our families and to welcome them into their respective clubs. Will you be good enough, therefore, to fill out the coupon below and mail it back promptly.

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A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

I cannot urge you too strongly to send your children to a summer camp where Judaism is being practiced. From a long range point of view, a summer camp leaves a lasting impression upon the child — and a love and respect for Judaism should be included in that impression. I shall be glad to recommend to you private camps which have very high standards. I may be in a position to recommend some of our pupils to summer camps at a very nominal rate (and gratis) if their parents do not have the financial means to send them to private camps. I urge parents who are interested in this service to contact me immediately.

Sincerely yours,
RABBI O. ASHER REICHEL

HEBREW TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Dr. Marcus Elias, Dean of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls, announces that the new term begins this coming week. The Hebrew Department has been expanded for the coming semester both in the elementary and advanced divisions.

Some of the School's courses are given in our Building. Registration on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6.

"YOUNG MOTHERS"

Do You Know Of Our Sabbath Morning Sitter's Service? . . . and about our Daily Afternoon Kindergarten?

Every Saturday morning, at 10:30 o'clock until services are over, we have arranged for a "sitter" in our kindergarten room, for children four to six years of age, so that the mothers may be able to attend the Sabbath Services.

And while we are on the subject, every young mother is cordially invited to visit our Daily Afternoon Kindergarten and register her youngster for the current season. Our Kindergarten is licensed by the Department of Health-Day Care Unit.

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Light Candles Friday Evening before 5:08
Shabbos Sh'kolim

Weekly Portion: Mishpatim

Exodus 21.1-24.18; 30.11-16

II Kings 12.1-17

Friday Evening Service5.10

Saturday Morning Service9.00

Rosh Chodesh (Adar) Bentchen

Junior Congregation10.45

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4 to 610.30

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Mincha Service4.45

Reader of Torah: Elliot Wohl

Reader of Service: Bernard Israel

The Sabbath Terminates6.04

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Getting Personal

by Santord Solarz

We trust that none of our readers will do himself the injustice of missing the great W.S.I.S. event of the year, the benefit performance of Verdi's opera, "Rigoletto" at the Met., Sun. eve., Feb. 22. The music of this immortal opera is not only unforgettably beautiful but in a highly dramatic manner demonstrates the inevitable retribution of sin as practiced by the misguided court jester.

... News from the international front: Bon Voyage to Director and Mrs. Harry Appel, who embarked on a cruise to Israel and the Near East ... Good to hear from Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Krumbein from South of the Rio Grande ... We were privileged and happy to have at our last Shabbos morning services, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Stern of Geneva, Switzerland, machatanim-to-be of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Klein, and to the chassan, Alfred Stern ...

... We welcome Messrs. Stephen Klein, Jules Levine, Ben Spieler and Fred Ten Brink, who have recently become members of W.S.I.S., and we look forward to their ever growing participation in our Synagogue program of activities ... We were happy to see at services Martin Sage, who was in from out-of-town college ...

Thanks to Hymie Ross for supplying the first minyan with their "spiritual" sustenance ...

Our prayers for a speedy recovery to Louis Katz, Ned Lewis and to Mrs. Ben Spieler ... We are happy to bestow upon Mr. Alexander Kirsch, our Stamp Club Advisor, a citation of merit for sending a stamp collector's outfit to a religious kibbutz in Israel ... Upon reaching another happy milestone in each of their **wedded lives**, our heartiest congratulations to Judge and Mrs. David N. Edelstein, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Klein, and Hon. and Mrs. Albert Wald ... Many happy returns of their **Birthdays** to Irving Bellsey, Mrs. Leon Benjamin, Rosalyn Diamond, Judge David N. Edelstein, Alexander M. Golden, Channa Lee Horowitz, William Jacobs, Alexander Kirsch, Morton Langer, Annette Pash, Solomon Strausberg and Yonina Yavneh.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

February 15 - 22

The building of brotherhood among the diverse peoples of the United States is a necessity both because it is implicit in the democratic ideal and because bigotry, intolerance and prejudice are deadly perils to our nation particularly at this moment in world history.

Brotherhood Week focuses attention on the need for Brotherhood within the United States and throughout the world. It helps to create a climate of opinion in which good human relations can be achieved and encouraged to flourish.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews, sponsor of Brotherhood Week, is a movement of religiously motivated individuals who

cooperate for the common civic good. Its purpose as set forth in its By-Laws is: "to promote justice, and finally eliminate intergroup prejudices which disfigure and distort religious, business, social and political relations, with a view to the establishment of a social order in which the religious ideals of brotherhood and justice shall become the standards of human relationship."

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